

¶ By the Queene.



THE Queenes Maiestie vpon very waightie and necessarie considerations, tending first to the honour of almightie God, and next to the suretie of her selfe, and the whole state of her louing subiectes of al degrees: hath with very good deliberation and aduise of her counsell resolved, to establishe her Realmes, dominions, and subiectes in strength, as well in ciuill as in martiall policie, & to the furtheraunce of some part of necessary thinges belonging to the state martiall. Her Maiestie geueth knowledge to all maner her subiectes, that by speciall persons of good trust, there shalbe particuler inquisitions made in all partes of the Realme, in what sort the statutes and lawes of the same are obserued, whiche are prouided for the maintenaunce of the breede of Horses, and for keping and hauing in redinesse and duely furnished for seruice of Horses and Geldinges, and of all maner of armour and weapons. And consequently vpon suche inquisitions, her Maiestie also meaneth speedly to haue perfect musters made of the same, and the errors and lackes whiche therein shalbe founde, to be by frequent mustering and exercise amended and supplied.

And because her Maiestie considereth, that the intermission of tyme hath bred some lacke of such furniture, as by the lawes vpon great paynes are required: Her Maiestie being not of a disposition to vse seueritie towardes her subiectes in respect of the penalties alreedy iustly due, but to haue all her people as nowe the tyme requireth to be in strength: chargeth and commaundeth all maner of persons of all estates, to prouide and furnishe them selues, according as by any lawe or statute, or by any other speciall tecture it shalbe founde to be due, of Horses, Geldinges, armour, and weapons, and of meete persons to serue therewith: so as the same may be fully redye before the first of Aprill next, vpon such penalties as by the lawes shalbe by speciall commissions throught all partes of the Realme founde due. Wherein her Maiestie meaneth in consideration of this fauourable warning, not to spare or mitigate any maner of penaltie that shalbe due for any part of the tyme past. And thus much of her generall determination, in the meane tyme her Maiestie hath thought good to notifie by this her proclamation, not doubting but suche other thinges as her Maiestie intendeth shortly hereafter to propounde to all her subiectes for a further strengthening of them selues, shalbe well allowed and duely executed, as tending principally to the benefite of them selues, and to the honour and suretie of the Realme against all euentures.

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God saue the Queene.

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